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Re: U. S. Patent Application No. 09/102,016  
Filed: June 22, 1998  
Docket No. RN1105  
Entitled: TREATMENTS IN A DISTRIBUTED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
Inventor: Samuel H. CHRISTIE, IV

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001 in the subject application. If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned collect at (919) 997-4453.

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### RESPONSE

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

### AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-60.

Please add new claims 61-120 as follows:

61. (New) An apparatus for receiving treatments corresponding to a calling party's unsuccessful attempt to complete a communications session, comprising:  
means for attempting to initiate a communications session from a calling party's communications device to a called party's communications device;